

Historic Ellicott City Flood Workgroup

MINUTES

November 16, 2015

Attendance/Roll Call:

Present
Bob Frances
Lori Lilly
Ken McNaughton
Ryan Miller
Dave Myers
Ron Peters
Bruno Reich
Debbie Slack Katz
Mark Klein for Kevin Bloom
Not present
Jim Caldwell
Frank Durantaye
Mark DeLuca
Raj Kudchadkar
Debra Korb
Jason McMillan
Gary Smith

Debra has resigned from the Committee.

Approval of Minutes – October 26th meeting minutes were approved.

Calendar Review – Meeting schedule was reviewed and confirmed through December.

Meeting times are from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. The dates selected:

- November 23rd (added) – someone else needs to do the minutes this day
- December 14th (changed from 12/21)

Produce a Preliminary Draft of Report –

The Workgroup confirmed the objectives of the report due to the County Executive and outlined its focus at the previous meetings. During the time between the last meeting and this meeting, Workgroup members worked on the content of separate sections of the report. The

workgroup reviewed all the sections as a whole, refined the content, and conclude the meeting with a preliminary draft of the report, pending changes outlined below.

- Bruno provided an introductory piece to the Structural section and Ken provided an introduction piece to the Education section.
- Add reference to Howard County Flood Mitigation Plan on page 1
- Differentiate Flood Mitigation Report vs Recommendations of Flood Workgroup or Flood Workgroup Report – throughout document
- Page 2 – Change HEC Flooding Workgroup to HEC Flood Workgroup
- Spell out all acronyms the first time they are used, e.g. FEMA
- Structural – Bruno will make edits to the intro as suggested during the meeting and updates to the specific actions by 11/19/2015
 - Add step pools to #4
 - Generalize and prioritize projects in this section
 - Acknowledge existing work such as staircase
 - Move #14 to education section
- Maintenance and Monitoring
 - Add a stream gage to less developed stream channel to compare with the gage at the Colored School
 - Add inspections after major storm events – establish criteria for inspection need
- Education – Ken and Debbie will make edits to the intro as suggested during the meeting and updates to the specific actions
 - Separate Water Day and public hearing as events – clarify that Flood Workgroup will hold the public hearing
 - Stenciling – include outreach to school groups or boy scouts to implement
- Programmatic / Capacity
 - Add annual inspections with County staff to READY events
- Other – Ken will work on this section and send back to the Raj and Debbie by Wed.

New Business: Member topics of interest, important events, etc.

- PALS – Floodproofing focus for brochure with link to flood web page with more technical info
- National Weather Service – Extreme Weather training – County to be a host site for flooding in spring (March or April)– need a pre-requisite training class but County trying to waive